

# **Title 25: INTERNAL SECURITY AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

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**§5101. SUBSTANCE ABUSE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

**1. Substance Abuse Assistance Program.** The Substance Abuse Assistance Program, referred to in this chapter as "the program," is established to support persons with presumed substance use disorders by providing grants to municipalities and counties to carry out projects designed to reduce substance abuse, substance abuse-related crimes and recidivism.

[ 2015, c. 481, Pt. E, §1 (NEW) .]

**2. Eligibility; program targets; projects.** Grants may be awarded to:

A. Municipal or county governments or regional jails for projects designed to assist persons with presumed substance use disorders by diverting alleged low-level offenders into community-based treatment and support services. Projects may include, but are not limited to:

- (1) Referral of program participants to evidence-based treatment programs, including medically assisted treatment; and
- (2) Provision of case management services to program participants in order to secure appropriate treatment and support services such as housing, health care, job training and mental health services for program participants; and [ 2015, c. 481, Pt. E, §1 (NEW) .]

B. County governments or regional jails for projects in county or regional jails designed to assist persons with presumed substance use disorders. Projects may include, but are not limited to:

- (1) Provision of evidence-based treatment programs, including medically assisted treatment, to jail inmates; and
- (2) Provision of case management or other support services to program participants to assist in transition from jail upon release. [ 2015, c. 481, Pt. E, §1 (NEW) .]

[ 2015, c. 481, Pt. E, §1 (NEW) .]

**3. Requirements.** A grant application for a project described in subsection 2 must include the following:

- A. A statement of purpose and measurable goals for the project and use for the funds; [ 2015, c. 481, Pt. E, §1 (NEW) .]
- B. The elements of the project, which must include the targeted population, the nature of services or assistance to be provided and expected outcomes; [ 2015, c. 481, Pt. E, §1 (NEW) .]
- C. For diversion projects, a statement of the municipality's or county's diversion policy, including criteria for selecting participants for the project; [ 2015, c. 481, Pt. E, §1 (NEW) .]
- D. A review of other substance abuse services available in the applicant municipality or county and communities adjacent to the applicant municipality or county and a statement of the unmet needs to be addressed by the project; [ 2015, c. 481, Pt. E, §1 (NEW) .]
- E. A review of efforts to collaborate among relevant law enforcement agencies, treatment providers, harm reduction services, recovery support services and other community resources and a summary of collaborative approaches included in the project, if any; and [ 2015, c. 481, Pt. E, §1 (NEW) .]

F. A summary of data to be collected to assess the effectiveness of the project and the methodology that will be used to make that assessment. The data to be collected must include measurements of the long-term health, treatment and criminal justice involvement outcomes for participants and must be included in reports filed under subsection 6 as part of a rigorous evaluation process. [2015, c. 481, Pt. E, §1 (NEW).]

[ 2015, c. 481, Pt. E, §1 (NEW) .]

**4. Selection of grant recipients; steering committee.** The Commissioner of Public Safety shall review applications submitted by municipalities and counties for grants under this chapter. Preference must be given to collaborative approaches that include treatment providers or community-based organizations. The following steering committee shall advise the Commissioner of Public Safety in selecting grant recipients. The steering committee consists of the Commissioner of Corrections or the commissioner's designee and representatives of the following organizations, programs and associations selected by the Commissioner of Public Safety from suggestions provided by the organizations, programs and associations: a statewide organization of police chiefs; a statewide organization of sheriffs; a statewide organization representing physicians; a statewide organization representing prosecutors; a statewide organization representing providers of legal services for the indigent; peer recovery programs; and harm reduction associations.

[ 2015, c. 481, Pt. E, §1 (NEW) .]

**5. Administration of funds.** The policy board established in this State to carry out the State's responsibilities under the federal Justice Assistance Act of 1984, the federal Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1986, the federal Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 and the federal Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, known as "the Justice Assistance Council," shall administer grant funds appropriated for use under this chapter and disburse the funds to municipalities, counties and regional jails selected under subsection 4. The department may retain up to 5% of funds to cover administrative expenses.

[ 2015, c. 481, Pt. E, §1 (NEW) .]

**6. Reports.** A recipient of a grant under subsection 4 shall report to the Commissioner of Public Safety annually on the anniversary date of the grant award regarding the status of the project for which the grant was awarded. The report must include a description of how the grant funds were spent, the results of the project and any recommendations for modification of the project, including any available information concerning the project's effectiveness in reducing substance abuse and recidivism.

[ 2015, c. 481, Pt. E, §1 (NEW) .]

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2015, c. 481, Pt. E, §1 (NEW).

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